



Egged being ordered to carry soldiers free

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TEL AVIV. — Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi has decided to compel the Egged bus company to carry soldiers free on all their interurban lines, effective Tuesday, by issuing special injunctions.

The injunctions will become official when gassed today in Ramat Hashikma.

Egged, which has told the Ministry that it cannot carry the soldiers for the proposed IL1.2m. monthly advance offered by the Government, has threatened to take the matter to court. The cooperative's legal counsel met yesterday to determine what steps to take.

At a press conference last night, Yosef Harari, head of the Egged finance department, said that "Egged, if forced to, will start carrying soldiers free as of Tuesday" — but he warned that "it will play havoc with public transport, and the general public will suffer because there will not be enough room for them."

"Since this step will ruin the cooperative, our secretariat may even come to the decision that we will carry everyone free, not

only the soldiers," he said. Harari emphasized that he did not trust the Government and if they wanted an agreement, he wanted it in writing.

He also said that it would take the cooperative a month to get organized for free travel for the soldiers. He explained that more buses would be needed, and at present 700 of 3,200 buses were out of order and could not be fixed for lack of money to buy spare parts.

Harari also said he did not understand the urgency of the issue, especially since Egged had been negotiating with the Government for the last nine years on it. He also stressed that it was Egged who initiated the talks.

The Government proposes to pay Egged IL1.2m. per month until the actual cost of the operation is determined and then the Government would pay equivalent to 80% of the cost. Egged is demanding a monthly advance of IL1.5m. until the actual sum is determined.

It was reported that the Egged secretariat is considering the possibility of resigning and turning over the cooperative's management to the Government.



Spain's Queen Sofia speaks with worshippers at Madrid's synagogue on Friday, in the first visit by Spanish royalty since the Jews were expelled from Spain in 1492. With the Queen Rabbi Baruch Garzon, who wished in his blessing that Israel should "live in peace." Spain and Israel have no diplomatic relations. (AP radiophoto)

Undof term extended

UNITED NATIONS. — The Security Council voted on Friday to extend for six months the presence of the UN observer force (Undof) on the Golan Heights.

Israel and Syria had agreed earlier to continue the mandate for the UN force which monitors the disengagement-of-forces agreement between them. The mandate would have expired tomorrow.

The council vote was 13-0, with China and Libya not participating in the vote.

A resolution adopted by the Council called on all parties concerned to resume negotiations under "appropriate auspices aimed at establishing a just and durable peace."

The 1,194-man Undof has manned the buffer zone since Secretary of State Henry Kissinger negotiated the 1974 agreement between Israel and Syria. (Another UN contingent of 4,000 men is stationed between Egyptian and Israeli lines in the Sinai desert. Its current authorization runs until October.)

UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim flew to Damascus on Wednesday to obtain Syria's consent to the Golan Heights extension without conditions. Israel had agreed earlier to an extension provided Syria attached no new conditions.

Waldheim, reporting to the Council on his trip, said Syrian President Hafez Assad emphasized that he would not permit Undof "to become a permanent institution" and urged Waldheim to "reactivate the negotiating process." The Secretary-General said the Middle East is "increasingly dangerous unless progress can be made."

The Soviet Union voted for the extension, but Ambassador Jacob Malik expressed some reservation. He renewed Moscow's call for resumption of the Geneva peace conference with the participation of "all concerned parties," including the anti-Israeli terrorist body, the PLO.

The PLO told Waldheim yesterday that the starting point for a Middle East settlement should be Israel withdrawal from occupied Arab territory within one year.

In its response to Waldheim's March 31 memorandum seeking ways to get peace talks going, the terrorist group made no mention of any resumption of the Geneva conference, informed sources said. The text of the reply was kept confidential.

In their responses, Egypt, Syria and Jordan called for the resumption of the Geneva talks, with the PLO's participation. (AP)

Continue hunt for Arab after airport blasts

VIENNA. — Austrian authorities continued to search yesterday for an Arab as the keyman to the blasts at Ben-Gurion Airport last Tuesday.

The Arab and the blond European who was killed in the blast stayed in the same hotel in Vienna. (The other fatal victim was a security officer, Mikl Ben-Yishai.)

According to the hotel, the second stranger held a Kuwaiti passport in the name of Khaled Mohammed al-Katani.

Austrian officials have asked the Austrian diplomatic mission in Kuwait to check lists of visas recently issued to Kuwaiti citizens planning to travel to Austria.

Police said they were certain that, following the departure of the European, carrying the stolen Dutch passport of Hugo Muller, al-Katani also left the country at once. Nevertheless, an arrest warrant was issued against him.

The International Civil Aviation Organization in Montreal has turned down Israel's request for a discussion of the explosion, Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi said on Friday.

Addressing the engineers club in Tel Aviv, Mr. Ya'acobi said the PLO was recently admitted to the ICAO as an observer "even though it openly avows its aim to destroy an ICAO member nation by every possible means."

"But when we asked the organization to discuss Tuesday's cowardly attack on our civil aviation, the ICAO said it could not be arranged," the Minister said. (JTM)

Terror gang rounded up

THE SECURITY forces recently rounded up 20 persons, most of them intellectuals, as suspected members of a terror ring belonging to the Fatah, it was learned yesterday.

The leader of the ring was a teacher from East Jerusalem. Others included some of his colleagues, a student from Bir Zeit College, residents of Ma'alot, and a former security detainee from Beit Jala.

A bomb exploded at the Ramallah branch of Bank Leumi yesterday causing slight damage.

The blast followed an arson bid in the town at a business owned by Abdel-Nour Janah, a local resident who is being held in connection with murder following the nationalist victory in the recent municipal elections.

Defence official who took bribes gets 6 years

TEL AVIV. — Former Defence Ministry official Yoel Meron, who admitted to accepting bribes from suppliers, was sentenced to six years' imprisonment by the District Court here on Friday.

Meron received IL55,000 in bribes from manufacturer Amos Avivi of Kiryat Gat, who was awarded 58 of the 41 contracts he got without open bidding. Meron also admitted receiving a \$1,000 bribe from another manufacturer, David Reiner, of Haifa.

While it was not proved that there was direct damage done to the defence establishment as a result of these bribes, the judge noted, any bribe-taking causes serious damage to the public, as it erodes its trust in the system.

Meron was head of the instruments and control section of the ministry's purchasing department. One of his subordinates, Michael Kitzman, was similarly convicted and sentenced to five years' imprisonment earlier this month. (JTM)

Cinema bombing suspect held

TEL AVIV. — A suspect in the bombing which injured four persons in the Cinema One Theatre two weeks ago was remanded into 15 days' custody by a magistrate here on Friday.

The suspect is Naim Shehbas, 21, a resident of Romana, near Jenin, who works in a Tel Aviv restaurant. He denied any involvement in the explosion, saying he had "no intention of harming the State of Israel."

The police investigator, Samal Nissim Yeheskel, who conducted the inquiry into the Savoy Hotel bombing over a year ago, said the arrest of Shehbas was based on information which could not be revealed to the press.

The bomb went off in the last row of the cinema on May 11 at 8.15 p.m., after the first show had begun. The four persons lightly injured, were treated at hospital and released. (JTM)

Paper sees 'Israel connection' in Wilson peerages

LONDON. — Sir Harold Wilson, the former British Prime Minister, is said to have accused the "Sunday Times" newspaper of anti-Semitic motives in its role in the controversy about his nomination of new members of the House of Lords.

Seeing a "strong Israel connection" in Sir Harold's favoured friends (six of the nine peers are Jewish), the "Sunday Times" today replies that the charge of anti-Semitism "is not worth considering. But it is a matter of analytic fact that many of those Wilson has favoured share his strong pro-Israel sympathies."

The "Observer" today quotes a close associate of Sir Harold as saying: "At one stroke he damaged the House of Lords, the honours system, the Labour Party, the Jewish community and himself." (JTA)

Twin tremors in Sino-Burma border area

WASHINGTON. — Two powerful earthquakes struck an area near the Chinese-Burma frontier yesterday within 90 minutes of one another, the U.S. geological survey reported.

Both registered 6.9 on the Richter scale. By comparison, the devastating earthquake which struck northeastern Italy on May 6 registered 6.5.

The twin earthquakes could have been destructive, though no reports have yet been received from the scene, the geological survey said. It placed the epicentre of the two tremors inside the Chinese border about 550 km. from Mandalay, Burma.

A spokesman for the Geological Survey said that, although there was often seismic activity in the region of yesterday's earthquakes, twin tremors were highly unusual.

Biggest trade deficit for USSR

MOSCOW. — The Soviet Union last year ran up its worst trade deficit in at least 20 years, largely as a result of massive grain imports from the West, official statistics showed yesterday.

According to the Foreign Trade Handbook for 1975, total Soviet foreign trade last year reached 50.7b. rubles (\$66.9b.), up 28 per cent from 1974. But whereas in 1974 there was a surplus of 1.9b. rubles in its business dealings abroad, in 1975 there was a deficit of 3.6b. rubles.

It was the biggest negative balance recorded in the Handbook, whose yearly figures start in 1955. The previous worst year was 600m. rubles in 1972 — like 1975, a year of harvest disaster.

Madeba Map street found in Jerusalem

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Work in the Jewish Quarter on an ambitious building project termed the Cardo — the name for the main north-south road of Roman Jerusalem — has been halted by the unexpected discovery beneath the planned foundations of the real Cardo.

The find in recent days has brought to light one of the most important archaeological finds of the Roman period in Jerusalem.

The Romans, in laying out Aelia Capitolina on the ruins of ploughed-over Jerusalem following the suppression of the Bar-Kochba revolt in 135 C.E. followed, as was their wont, the design of a military camp. Within rectangular city walls were two main roads, the Cardo and the Decumanus (running east-west), which intersected in the centre of the city.

The Jerusalem Cardo is vividly depicted in the Sixth Century Mosaic found at Madeba in Jordan, the earliest known map of the city. The Cardo is in fact the centre of the map. It is depicted as a broad colonnaded way stretching in a straight line from what is today Damascus Gate through the heart of the city to the southern wall. It has always been accepted that the pre-

Roman 'Cardo' uncovered

sent shak built in Crusader times follows the line of the Cardo and that the line extends south into the Jewish Quarter somewhere between the Street of the Jews and Habad Street. But no evidence of the actual Cardo had been found. (The Decumanus is not depicted on the Madeba map but its presumed alignment is followed by David Street and the Street of the Chams leading down from Jaffa Gate).

An archaeological team headed by Prof. Nahman Avigad has now uncovered a 13-metre-wide paved Roman street flanked on either side by a colonnade of 0.5 metres wide. This 20-metre wide is several times that of any interior street in today's Old City.

Four years ago, an architectural team consisting of Peter Bugod, Shlomo Aaronson and Esther Niv won an architectural competition held by the Company for the Reconstruction of the Jewish Quarter (CRJQ) for the design of a 200-metre-long stretch between Street of the Jews and Habad Street. The plan called for a covered shopping gallery — in effect, a Jewish shak linked to the Arab shak — covered

by apartment units and hotel space. Along the length of the roof a pedestrian walkway was to be built.

Before demolishing existing structures, however, the planners decided to carefully assess their historical and architectural merits for possible incorporation into the final plan. They also decided to give the archaeologists opportunity to explore as extensively as possible, likewise so that archaeological elements could be incorporated into the new structure.

It has taken years of careful digging — complicated by the fact that much of it was carried out below existing structures — for Prof. Avigad to strike the Roman street. Some 500 square metres of it have been exposed so far, including columns and capitals. The Roman street was discovered to have been widened to its present width during the Byzantine period, according to Bugod. Prof. Avigad does not believe that the Roman street was reached last night for comment but other archaeologists who have visited the site confirm the find.

The painstaking effort made by planners and archaeologists to un-

cover the past and link it integrally to the present has made a shambles of the original prize-winning plan and timetable. "Every half year we have to throw our plans out and start again," says Bugod, explaining that the plan is periodically redone in order to incorporate newly found elements. The covered shopping gallery will be lowered so that the paving of the Roman Cardo will serve wherever it is intact as the floor on which visitors will walk. The roof pedestrian walkway has had to be dropped because changes in the plan have led to unplanned breaks between buildings in the strip.

The planners had originally been directed to preserve one of the seven building complexes on the site. Now they plan to preserve five, reworking their interiors to conform to the overall concept. Work has been delayed not only by the complicated job of clearing the debris of centuries from within and beneath the existing building complexes, but by the refusal of several Arab shop owners in the strip to accept compensation terms offered them to move out. The planners had thought to complete the Cardo project in three years. But four years after they started, they are still digging down instead of building up.

Kosygin opens mediation trip to Iraq, Syria

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SOVIET PREMIER Alexei Kosygin arrived in Baghdad yesterday at the start of a Middle East tour to bolster Moscow's position in the Arab world. The Soviet leader is scheduled to go on to Syria next Tuesday.

It was not clear by last night whether Kosygin would extend his tour to other Arab states. Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy yesterday conferred with Soviet Ambassador Vladimir Polyakov, reportedly over Kosygin's trip.

Soviet spokesmen said that the tour will focus on the Middle East situation and bilateral relations between Moscow and Arab capitals. However, observers said one of its main aims is to settle political differences between two of Russia's Arab friends — Iraq and Syria — which are ruled by rival factions of the Ba'ath party. The two countries are at loggerheads over many issues, including the conflict with Israel and the Lebanese crisis.

Earlier reports from Beirut said that the Soviet Union sought to organize Syria, Libya, Algeria and the Palestine Liberation Organization into a radical, anti-American camp which would act as a counterpoint to the group linking Egypt with the conservative Arab countries. News dispatches, however, quoted Soviet sources in Beirut as discounting any such Russian intention. The sources said that the Russians, like the Americans, had no interest in setting up blocs which subsequently could engulf the two superpowers, and aggravate tension in the region.

Soviet diplomats stressed in particular that the Soviet Union was keen to settle the inter-Arab rifts

over Lebanon. But Syria's confrontation with the other Arab parties intensified over the weekend.

The latest development was the open conflict between Syria and the PLO whose chief, Yasser Arafat, flew to Libya over the weekend, apparently to try to rally that country behind an Egyptian axis opposing Syria.

Egyptian newspapers resumed their campaign against Syria, accusing it of "massacres" of the PLO and the leftist camp in Lebanon. The mass-circulation "Al-Akhar" published what it said was a document from the Syrian leadership instructing pro-Damascus forces to track down Fatah and Iraqi-controlled militias "and annihilate them."

The Cairo papers also reported that Egypt was now considering a PLO proposal for the creation of a joint "supreme" Egyptian-Palestinian committee to coordinate strategy. Such a committee would apparently serve to counter the Syrian-Jordanian supreme coordination committee which has been steering Damascus and Amman towards a union.

Assad's image

Now that the extension of the UN mandate on the Golan has been approved, Syria appears to be turning more attention towards its confrontations on the Arab front. It was thought that Syrian President Hafez Assad would now act more firmly on the Lebanese and other Arab fronts, with the chief aim of restoring his image in his own country where discontent is reported to be brewing.

The question that remains unanswered is whether Assad will be moving independently or as a Soviet pawn. The outcome of Kosygin's visit to Damascus is likely to shed more light on Syria's position.

New Phalange attacks 'to force solution'

BEIRUT. — Left and right-wing gunmen clashed in Beirut and other parts of Lebanon yesterday, and the right-wing Phalange threatened to destroy Beirut Airport because it was claimed, arms were being flown in there for the leftists.

At least 20 shells fell on the populous leftist controlled Sabra district in the Capital, killing eight persons and wounding 20 to 30, according to local residents.

The Phalangist radio, which backs right-wing President Suleiman Franjeh, said there were clashes in northern Lebanon after two Christian villages were besieged. It implied that the Phalangists were taking the offensive in an effort to force a solution, possibly through Syrian intervention or joint Arab action.

The leftist Nasserite radio claimed left-wing advances in the mountainous north-east of Beirut, and accused right-wingers of shelling parts of the city to press their demands for foreign troops to restore security here.

The threat to smash Beirut's airport — used now only by Middle East Airlines — came in a broadcast by the Phalangist radio. It said right-wing forces had carried out the first phase of a threat to destroy the airport because military aircraft were delivering arms and ammunition there. This is the first time such a threat has been spoken of so openly.

Threat to airport

The radio said the breakaway right-wing faction of the Lebanese Army carried out Friday's and yesterday's shelling.

Transport Minister Adel Ossseiran later denied that the airport was being used to ferry arms in to left-wingers. He said it would not be closed.

The airport is in a district firmly under control of the left-wing and the anti-Israeli terrorists. But pro-Syrian forces surround it and would be in a position to prevent any arms being delivered from it.

Right-wing forces are well entrenched in the foothills to the east of the airport where Colonel Antoine Barakat, who supports President Franjeh, is in control of artillery positions.

Commenting on sudden outbursts of fighting on a number of fronts the Phalangist radio said it might be "a bloody path to a peaceful solution." It explained that the question of military intervention to save the security situation here might go

on being raised as long as the situation continued to deteriorate.

The radio added that Syria remained the most important party in establishing security here, despite the many objections to its role. It suggested that yesterday's new outbreaks were connected with Soviet premier Alexei Kosygin's impending visit to Syria and the talks in Tripoli between Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam, anti-Israeli terrorist leader Yasser Arafat and Libyan leaders.

'Ugliest bloodbath'

The anti-Israeli terrorist movement charged that in their march on the Sabra district yesterday, the Christian militia committed "one of the ugliest bloodbaths" in Lebanon's 14-month civil war. It vowed merciless vengeance. A spokesman said preliminary counts showed at least 17 "Palestinian refugees," including women and children, were killed and more than 100 wounded during a midday rocket and artillery bombardment.

The target of the one-hour Christian barrage, the spokesman said, was the vegetable market of the Sabra refugee camp. "It happened as housewives crowded the market at the rush buying hour," the spokesman said. At least 40 rounds of French-made incendiary rockets and 155mm American-made howitzer cannon shells shattered the market, the spokesman said. "This crime will not go unpunished. Katyusha and Grad rockets from guerrilla launching bases are already flying towards the Christian populated eastern sector of the Capital. An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." (Reuters, AP)

'Hussein stakes his kingdom'

LONDON. — King Hussein is staking the survival of the Hashemite dynasty on his forthcoming trip to Moscow to discuss the purchase of Soviet anti-aircraft systems, the "Sunday Telegraph" writes today.

A long article by Christopher Dobson says that Hussein is taking this gamble because it may make him the leader of the Arab world. But if it goes wrong, "the whole Hashemite edifice could come crashing down — king, dynasty and country."

"It is all built on American, Saudi and Kuwaiti money, and they are the three countries least likely to approve of Soviet 'advisers' moving into Jordan." (JTA)

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Yadin would talk to Yasser Arafat

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Professor Yigael Yadin said yesterday he would negotiate with PLO leader Yasser Arafat if the latter came to power in Jordan. Yadin who is considering heading a new list to compete in the elections told Israel Radio: "I am willing to negotiate with whoever will be the legitimate or de facto ruler in Amman... If it is a Fatah leader, let it be a Fatah leader, maybe that will bring us nearer to peace."

"I do not believe that we should put all our cards on Hussein," he said. "I'd rather negotiate with whoever will be the ruler in Amman... who will be recognized by the Palestinians as their legitimate representative."

In an interview in "Ma'ariv" published Friday, Yadin said however, that "the basic condition will, of course, be that whoever negotiates with Israel (must) recognize her existence, her rights and her status as the Jewish state."

Yadin said "the bulk of the populated areas" should belong to an "Arab-Palestinian State" and that the West Bank should become part of that state.

The Jordan River should be Israel's security border, he added, "until the full peace between us and the Arab-Palestinian state east of the Jordan is achieved." The parts of Judea and Samaria to be returned "when all peace conditions are fulfilled" should have "a special security status," he told "Ma'ariv." He did not elaborate.

Yadin said Sinai should be a buffer zone, but "until the peace process is possible and secure" several key points essential to Israel's security should remain under this country's control. Yadin did not say what sites he had in mind.

"Peace formulas" and problems with Egypt could be solved in face to face meetings, Yadin said. But he was more sceptical about prospects for a settlement with Syria.

He said the Golan Heights are essential to Israel's security but also recalled that Aluf (Res.) Ezer Weizman had claimed the Syrian front was less important to Israel than other fronts.

Yadin repeated his call for a new regional-personal elections system. He speculated that if a list he were to head could get 15 seats in the next Knesset "it would be impossible to form a coalition without our MKs and under no circumstances would I agree to form a cabinet that will not support an election reform."

While he would join any combination that would bring about the election reform, Yadin said, he would be more selective about choosing partners to his proposed party. They would have to accept his principles regarding the election and administrative reforms. Israel's future borders and maintaining her character as a Jewish state.

Yadin said he had looked into the possibility of joining existing parties. But none supported "all the principles... I intend to implement."



Joining hands in a hora, Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook, head of the Merkaz Harav Yeshiva, and the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Mordechai Gur, are among those who filled the Western Wall plaza in the Old City late Thursday night to celebrate Jerusalem Day.

Ethiopia denies army trained by Israeli troops

NAIROBI. — The Ethiopian Embassy denied yesterday a report that Israel has sent troops to Ethiopia to train the army in counter insurgency tactics.

An Embassy spokesman said the report was a "gross fabrication" and "absolutely not true." Western diplomats in Nairobi said the rumour of Israeli military training assistance to Ethiopia has been circulating for several months but has not been confirmed.

The report, quoting diplomats in Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, said that more than 40 Israeli troops arrived in eastern Ethiopia last February to train Ethiopian units in techniques to be used against Moslem rebels in Eritrea province. It said the move has angered Arab governments, some of whom are backing the rebels.

Ethiopia joined most other African states after the 1973 Middle East war in heeding Arab appeals to break diplomatic relations with Israel. But Ethiopian officials are believed still sympathetic to Israel, which once had extensive aid and trade connections with Addis Ababa. (AP)

Arabs to step up drive against expropriations

By YOEL DAB

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NAZARETH. — The Arab Committee for Land Protection decided at a public rally here yesterday to step up its campaign against the recent expropriations in Galilee for development purposes.

A delegation will go abroad to explain their case. A fund to finance the trip, and also for welfare and compensation payments for those affected by the campaign, will be established.

Further meetings are to be held in the Arab villages and protest delegations are to be sent to the Knesset. Owners of land that was expropriated were urged not to surrender them, not to accept compensation and not to exchange them for other land.

At the rally, attorney Hanna Nakara said that several lawyers had volunteered their services for any litigation. He announced that an order nisi would be applied for, calling on the Prime Minister to show cause why he should not set up an inquiry into the events of March 30.

Present at the rally were also Druse of Rami, Yirka and Pekin. On the platform were the local council heads of Saknin, Mitya, Arraba, Rami and Deir el Assad. The rally opened with a minute of silence for those killed in the clashes on March 30.

The local chairman of Rami reported on what he described as an inconclusive meeting last Monday with Prime Minister Rabin. The chairman of Saknin said hundreds of thousands of pounds had been raised to compensate the victims of March 30. The Mitya chairman urged the audience to abandon political divisions "for the sake of protecting our land and our existence."

In the afternoon, 700 took part in a Moked demonstration at Ein Mahil (near Nazareth). Speakers were Knesset members Meir Pail, Aryeh Ellav, Marcia Friedman, as well as Aluf (Res.) Matti Pelled and Aharon Cohen. They demanded cancellation of the expropriation orders, equality between Arab and Jewish local councils and an inquiry into the March 30 events.

U.S. pressure said softening Arab boycott

BOSTON. — Arab nations have softened their boycott of American companies trading with Israel because of increased U.S. pressure, an official of B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League said yesterday. In a speech prepared for delivery to the league's executive committee, Lawrence Peirce said the Arabs had decided that:

- American companies that make products needed by Arab nations but that decline to stop doing business with Israel will be allowed to do business with both — if they do twice as much business with Arabs as with Israel.
- In agreements between the U.S. Government and Saudi Arabia, Jewish personnel in the companies involved will be granted entry visas — if there are U.S. assurances not to seek legislation against the Arab boycott.

The changes may not help Israel in the long run, Peirce said, "but despite their drawbacks, the changed rules do reflect Arab reaction to the resistance of Americans to the boycott." (AP)

Haifa crowds protest Sabbath film screenings

HAIFA. — Crowds of religious Jews demonstrated here on Friday night against Sabbath film screenings at the Atzmon Theatre, and one person was injured when police dispersed the demonstration.

Screenings on Friday night are a violation of the city's by-laws, but cases against theatre owners have so far not come up in the courts. Synagogues in the Haifa area closed, and congregants prayed instead on the plaza in front of the movie theatre. Demonstrators included the Vitzit and Gur-Hadidim — who were fur-trimmed streamer hats — the Chief Sephardi Rabbi of Haifa, Eliahu Bakshi-Doron; municipal council members from the religious factions; and the chairman of the Religious Council, Yisrael Levano.

As police dispersed the crowd and arrested six demonstrators, a soldier on leave who had joined the protest was slightly injured. The six were released after calm was restored. (Itim)

New El Al deal for U.S. servicemen

Jerusalem Post Travel Correspondent
El Al yesterday announced an agreement with the American Express and other tour operators which would grant special low rates to U.S. servicemen and their dependents in Europe wishing to visit Israel.

The proposal offers a one-week package including accommodation at half-board for \$350. The El Al spokesman said that the flights will be by scheduled El Al flights out of Frankfurt. Servicemen will be able to make bookings individually at any of their bases.

Ground arrangements in Israel are to be handled by Kopel Tours. Retired U.S. Air Force Col. Arthur Hoffman, representative in Israel of Neckerman Tours, one of the largest charter operators in Europe, told "The Jerusalem Post" that the El Al fare would still be more than \$50 higher than the charter flights his company is proposing. Hoffman also said he plans immediately to set up special event charters from the U.S. for the large American bicentennial July 4 celebrations in Jerusalem. He expressed some doubts, however, that the time left for the organizers is enough to promote such flights.

Boom in sale of new bonds cheers Treasury officials

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Bank of Israel on Friday sold 11.5m. worth of 90 per cent indexed bonds in a significant improvement over the sales performance so far this year.

Since the Cabinet decision in December 1975 to reduce linkage from 100 to 90 per cent, the Bank of Israel sold only 11.5m. worth of bonds. The demand for the old, 100 per cent bonds brought their price up so high that last week it exceeded their computed rate of return. The new 90 per cent bonds, on the other hand, were underpriced.

Last Sunday the public began buying the new bonds hesitantly, with enthusiasm gaining. Until Friday the Bank sold 11.5m. worth to the public. On Friday alone, purchases reached 11.5m. Bank of Israel and Treasury officials were wondering over the weekend if the tide has finally turned. The Government is committed to selling about 11.5m. of these bonds by April 1977 and the bearish market caused government economists to fear an increase in the deficit and thus higher inflation.

Some officials have even advocated new taxes to cover the gap in the budget. However, if the sales of the new bonds do pick up, as Friday's figures suggest, the need for higher taxes will decline. Government sources pointed out that any growing demand for the new bonds would not reduce their rate of return. The Government, they said, will supply sufficient amounts of the new bonds to prevent any increase in their price and thus a decline in their rate of return.

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Rabinowitz predicts further subsidy cuts in basic items

The Treasury is planning another series of economic measures soon, including a further cut in Government subsidies for basic commodities, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz said on Friday.

While inflationary price rises will reach 32 per cent this year, he stated on an Israel Television interview, there are disconcerting signs of increased private consumption, caused by the tax reform and by payment of Cost-of-Living increments.

Rabinowitz conceded that the Government budget had been based on 25 per cent inflation estimates. "I intend, early in June, to present to the Cabinet proposals to 'absorb' an additional 11.5m.," he said. However, he added, it is not realistic

to speak of budget cuts of four to five billion — this would "irretrievably shake up our society in the most basic areas of health, education and welfare."

Value added tax will come into effect in July, and the additional cut in subsidies will be effected in August. VAT will produce an added revenue of 11.5m., he said.

People ignore the Government's economic policy, Rabinowitz complained. "It's a long-range policy, implemented stage by stage. We have set ourselves goals and we are achieving them," he pointed out. The public is unaware of the State's dire economic situation since the Yom Kippur War, which has forced a rise in petrol and basic foods prices, the Minister added.

Final rules set for charters

By GEORGE LEONOF

Jerusalem Post Travel Correspondent

Comprehensive and clear-cut regulations governing charter flights to Israel were announced Friday by the Joint Ministerial Committee appointed at the beginning of the year. The regulations go into effect immediately, but actual operations are not expected to begin before October because of the time required by charter operators, the Tourism Ministry Spokesman said yesterday.

The joint committee, comprising representatives of the Tourism and Transport Ministries, was informed that Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi's statement to the Knesset last week, stating that the regulations would be effective in October, was due to a misunderstanding.

The committee's agreement for the most part endorses the recommendations of the 11th Committee as approved by the Cabinet. It covers: • U.S. West Coast tours in packages of from seven to 28 days from California, Oregon and Washington, in series of at least 18 flights.

• Incentive tour packages of from four to 14 days.

• International congresses of from seven to 25 days.

Special events, which are described as any event of importance of a public character announced adequately in advance, and not organized especially for the flight nor subsidized by the carrier or organizer.

• City Tours to Jerusalem of four to five days, which must include three nights in a hotel.

• Flights from Scandinavia and Germany to Eilat may now return from Ben-Gurion Airport, with the alternative of arriving at Lod and returning from Eilat.

• U.S. servicemen and dependents stationed in Europe, in packages of from 7 to 28 days, may fly to Israel also by part charters on scheduled airlines, subject to the airline concerned obtaining approval from the International Air Transport Association.

Charters from Germany will be permitted only from next January programme.

1, as recommended by the Government.

The Joint Committee, which consists of two subcommittees, one dealing with aviation and one with tourism, will continue to supervise charters, its functions will include assuring that all properly filed applications for charters are acted on within a specified time, understood to be one week.

The committee also agreed that El Al must be given equal opportunity to participate in a charter programme.

Dayan: keep soldiers out of West Bank cities

By MARK SEGAL

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Moshe Dayan told a BBC interviewer here on Friday night that he disapproved of the Israeli government's policy of posting soldiers inside cities in the West Bank.

If attacked, he said, the soldiers should react firmly. "But the question is, what were they doing there in the first place?" In his view, Dayan said, the Israel Defence Forces should keep guard outside the populated centres.

He also said Israel should not annex the West Bank or force the Arabs of Nablus and Jerusalem to open their schools. But he added, "Israel must always retain its position on the high places across the West Bank and along the River Jordan for security reasons." Jews should be able to settle or buy land in the areas and they would have ties with Israel just as Nablus and Gaza have ties with Jordan, he said.

Asked whether he would serve in a cabinet led by Yigael Yadin,

Dayan replied: "I think very highly of Yadin, but I don't think he has yet made up his mind to enter politics. I am a member of the Labour Party and if Yadin should join the party, then there would be place to answer that question."

Dayan, who is here to speak at a giant "Salute to Israel" today, said in answer to a question about the newspaper which he has announced he is starting, "I hope the people involved will overcome their financial and other difficulties."

While in London, Dayan also saw proofs of his autobiography, due to be published by Weidenfeld and Nicholson in September. The book, the publishers say, contains a detailed account of a cabinet meeting during the second day of the Yom Kippur War. The cabinet reportedly felt Dayan had "lost his nerve" because he counselled waiting a few days before making a counter-offensive. "His advice was taken," the publishers say, "but it did little to lessen the hurt."

Hashomer Hatzair calls for nat'l youth service

BEERSHEBA. — The 69th convention of Hashomer Hatzair in Israel ended last night in Dimona with a decision to ask that national service in development towns be required for high school students.

Some 200 representatives from 50 groups throughout the country participated in the two-day convention. They resolved to urge Minister of Education and Culture Aharon Yadin to have national service integrated with high school studies from grade 10.

The convention was one of four ideological meetings to be held before a mass meeting of Hashomer Hatzair youth, the Shomrim, to be held in July at Har El, north of Jerusalem, for the first time in 10 years.

OMISSION
The "Portion of the Week" was inadvertently omitted from Friday's Jerusalem Post. Our apologies to our readers.

TODAY'S POSTBAG

MAIL DELIVERY in the Metulla area stopped last week, when the postman decided to volunteer for the local police force. Until a suitable replacement is found, residents have to pick up their mail — including express letters and telegrams — at the post office.

ARMY PAY for soldiers in compulsory service has been increased, retroactively from April 1, in line with the general approved C-o-L increments. Privates will receive 11.75 per month instead of 11.57, and all other ranks will receive rises in the same proportion.

ARRIVALS
Moshe Rivlin, director-general of the Jewish Agency, from Zurich, where he attended a session of the presidium and standing committee of the Brussels Conference for Soviet Jewry.

DEPARTURES
Rotary Governor in Israel, Shlomo Gropman, to the U.S., to attend an international convention of Rotary governors.

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The Family

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Nira and Gideon Tietz

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SOL ELBAUM
The funeral took place on Friday, 28 Iyar, at Har Hamenuhot, Jerusalem.
The Shiva will be at the residence of Eileen (Wachstock) Etzion in Kfar Har'eh.

Wife: Lea Elbaum, N.Y.
Children: Batya Koenigsberg, N.Y.
Chaya (Wachstock) Etzion, Kfar Har'eh
David Elbaum, Lake Wood
Shimon Elbaum, N.Y.

On Wednesday, June 2, 1976, at 3.00 p.m. at the "Zim" Building in Haifa (209 Sderot Hamegdim) those who cherish the memory of
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Eretz Hahaim Cemetery, Beit Shemesh, in the presence of family and friends

We deeply mourn the death of our beloved
ELIAS RAYMOND RABBI
Last day of shiva, Monday, May 31, 1976—Shaharit at 5.30 a.m., departure from 7/20 Rehov Elie Cohen, Bat Yam, at 8.30 a.m. for memorial service at Holon Cemetery.

Wife, Children, Grandchildren, Brothers, Sisters, Relatives, and Friends

We deeply mourn the death of our beloved
FRANZI WEILHEIMER
The funeral will take place today, Sunday, May 30, at 4 p.m. at the Ramat Hasharon Cemetery.

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Eliad and Erna Neuburger
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Joan and Klara Neuburger
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In sadness, we mourn the passing of
SAMUEL PFEFFER
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Habimah plans cutbacks to make ends meet

taining that the persecution of the Jews was punishment for the crucifixion of Jesus.

Lesaff prejudiced were white collar workers, of which only 23 per cent displayed anti-Jewish tendencies.

Prof. Silbermann blamed anti-Semitism on a "shocking lack of information" about Jews reflected among other things in West German school books. But he also warned against creating an anti-Jewish climate in literature and drama, citing in particular German author Rainer Werner Fassbinder's "Der Muell, die Stadt und der Tod" which has a "rich Jew" as its main character.

Dr. Reiner Bernstein, manager of the German-Israel Society, said that he was not surprised by the results of the poll. But he said they reflected the prejudice harbored by many Germans generally against minorities, such as foreign workers, and that Jews were not an isolated case.

An effort to clear away misconceptions about Jews was in itself not enough, Dr. Bernstein said. What was needed, he argued, was a more democratic attitude towards all minorities.



TEL. AVIV. — Habimah, the national theatre, will dismiss 30 of its 150 hands; will close down the small auditorium; and will cancel some of its planned productions -- in order to meet its budget.

Moshe Sanbar, chairman of the theatre's Board of Trustees, announced this Friday at a press conference in Beit Sokolov. He said the Government was being asked to subsidize the theatre by IL2m. This year, for the last year, and the steps outlined would reduce the expected deficit from IL2m. to IL1m. Habimah's budget this year was IL13m.

He said there were no plans to dismiss any more actors, beside the eight whose contracts have not been renewed recently. There are 38 actors at present.

However, the general manager of Habimah, Gavriel Zifroni, conspicuously absent from the press conference, may not continue, Sanbar said. Zifroni felt, he added, that he had accomplished his task of changing the basis of the theatre from a collective to a public trust.

Sanbar added that Habimah was also considering raising ticket prices — IL15 to IL25 per ticket — to make it conform to ticket prices abroad. At the same time, he pointed out that revenues in recent months have nearly doubled, to IL350,000. (Itim)

Israel to ask EEC for more joint projects

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel is to ask the Common Market to widen the scope of their mutual trade agreements and to incorporate within it joint industrial research and development projects and a financial agreement.

This and other topics will be discussed with an EEC delegation, chaired by Claude Cheysson, commissioner for relations with developing countries, which will arrive in Israel on Thursday. The delegation will meet with Foreign Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev.

Insurance for bank deposits proposed

Deposits in commercial banks of up to IL100,000 will be insured in case of bankruptcy, according to a proposed law by the Treasury.

The present law does not insure savers and depositors in the event of a bank failure. The proposed law is a result of the failure of the Israel-British Bank where small depositors received their money from the Bank of Israel.

The commercial banks and the Bank of Israel will jointly contribute to a special fund which will be used in the event that a bank fails. The exact premiums of the fund have not yet been decided.

MK calls for c'ttee on boosting exports

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A proposal to establish a public committee to seek ways to increase exports and to reduce the foreign debt was put forward by Hillel Seidel, MK, in a letter to Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz.

Seidel wrote that the balance of payments deficit is Israel's most important economic problem and a national programme on this subject is needed. He suggested that the committee include public figures with the necessary qualifications which should submit a report by Rosh Hashana.

Injunction denied in 'plot' against Kiryat Gat mayor

LONDON.—Two secret state reports on Asian immigration have split British Labour Government and left Prime Minister James Callaghan favouring tighter controls, authoritative sources disclosed on Friday.

The texts of the government documents, made available by the sources to the Associated Press, showed that the Foreign Office is in conflict with Home Secretary Roy Jenkins' department over the explosive issue, which has caused a national controversy.

The row also strengthened possibilities that the moderate Jenkins may soon quit Callaghan's cabinet, according to Jenkins' associates. But the Foreign Office is confident in Britain over the whole simmering immigration question that has deepened divisions between those who favour continuing some form of

non-white immigration and those who seek to halt the entry of all non-whites to Britain.

The disclosure of the two reports' contents came amid a backdrop of rising tension on the whole racial issue in Britain following clashes between non-whites and right-wingers and the slaying last week of two non-white students in London.

From the reports, it is clear that the Government has been aware of the problem could swell into big trouble if the Government fails to find a compromise solution that both sides can accept. With Britain's economy in the doldrums, there is a growing clamour for a halt to all immigration by non-whites.

The arrival in Britain of several hundred Asians from Malawi in the last two weeks has intensified the long-bubbling controversy. The controversy has also led India, Pakistan

and Bangladesh to launch diplomatic moves to protest what they see as British interference in their affairs.

The contents of one of the reports, written by senior Foreign Office diplomat Donald Hawley, have already been widely publicized in Britain.

Extracts from it were read in Parliament last Tuesday by right-wing lawyer Lord Enoch Powell, a longtime opponent of non-white immigration. The former Conservative Party minister warned that racial violence, with guns and bombs, will flare in British cities unless the entry of non-whites is banned.

Hawley, after visiting the subcontinent last winter, warned that a big-time immigration racket has built up in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. He alleged that thousands of illegal immigrants are

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA.—Nathan Birnboim, year-old Tel Aviv mathematician, won the National Chess Championship last night after defeating his veteran chess teacher, Cermak, himself a past national champion.

After 15 rounds and a draw six wins in six games Birnboim achieved the top score of 9½ and a narrow half-point over Shimon Kagan and Meir, both of whom lost their last to the former to Cermak, the top to Giterman.

Also defeated, Olga Podolskaya, captured the women's winning all her 11 games.

Birnboim, who had taken off from his studies to prepare

This competition will now be included in the national chess team at the Olympic World Games in October and November in this city.

At last night's closing function at the Nor Hotel here he was awarded the IL3,500 first prize and the Mayor's Trophy.

In the women's tournament, Leon Nudelman was second with 10 points, losing only one game to champion Olga Podarshanskaya, and to Lubov Lieberg. Podarshanskaya won a cash prize of IL800 and the Mayor's Trophy.

The tournaments served the Haifa Municipality organizers as a kind of dress rehearsal for the October events when hundreds of chess players are expected from many countries.

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA. — The Alignment faction of the Kiryat Gat Municipality, on Friday failed to get a temporary injunction to prevent members of the Likud and National Religious Party opposition from meeting to discuss the ouster of Alignment Mayor Arye Meir.

Speaking for the Alignment, Ze'ev Preinin, the Labour Party's legal counsel, told the District Court here that the opposition had recently teamed up behind the mayor's back, with the cooperation of the NRP deputy mayor, to discuss the ouster. Of the 13 members of the municipal council, six are from the Alignment, supporting Mayor Meir, five belong to the Likud, one to the NRP and one is identified with both the NRP and a local list.

The President of the District Court, Shlomo Elkayam, said he saw no need for an injunction, but secured the pledge of Attorney Eitan Barkai, who represented the Likud and NRP factions, that the "plotting" would cease.

Tax 'catastrophe' ahead, says ex-commissioner

LOS ANGELES. — President Ford last week promised not to let foreign policy "become a political football" in the election and said he does not intend to let Secretary of State Kissinger resign "because I think he has done a damn good job."

The President addressed the Greater Los Angeles Press Club as he was preparing to launch another day of campaigning as an underdog against Ronald Reagan in California.

Ford told the Press Club he was running for President "on a policy of peace through strength and I intend to win. I want to show the path of peaceful persuasion as long as it takes. I will not let foreign policy become a political football."

Reagan and other presidential hopefuls have attacked the Ford Administration on foreign policy and made Kissinger a target of their

criticism that too many concessions had been made to the Soviet Union. "Whenever I get a good agreement" with the Soviet Union "I am going to sign it whether it helps me or hurts me in this election," Ford said.

He was asked about Kissinger's statement that he would prefer to leave the Cabinet at the end of the year. "I'm familiar with anything from Secretary of State Henry Kissinger that he is going to resign," Ford said.

Then he launched into his declaration, saying that the Ford Administration had achieved peace and was maintaining it "so when you have a good policy, I don't think you ought to break up a good team. I don't intend to let Secretary of State Kissinger leave because I think he's done a darn good job as Secretary of State." (AP)

Home Secretary early last year sent one of his ministers, Alex Lyon, on a similar mission to the subcontinent. Lyon's 15-page report presented findings totally different from those offered by Hawley. Even their statistics varied.

The central point made by Lyon after his 16-day swing was that Britain's 1971 Immigration act gave "only a limited number of men" rights to bring dependents into this country. Therefore, he said, "the number must be finite (subject to the extra children born while their parents are waiting for entry permission).

Any increase in the rate of entry, he argued, would in no way increase "the size of the commitment" undertaken by the former Conservative Government to allow Asians into Britain.

The clash between Lyon and Hawley reflected rivalries between Jen-

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA.—The board of trustees members and supporters of Haifa Symphony Orchestra, "shocked" by Minister of Education and Culture Aharon Yadlin's proposal to the Knesset Committee to cancel the budgets of several cultural institutions, including HSO.

The Ministry several months ago budgeted ILM for the orchestra, which recently was reorganized. It is scheduled to perform here throughout the North. Five members of the Municipality had been on the Ministry's list to receive ILM for the orchestra, on condition that the Ministry make a sum.

Emmanuel Schreuer, board chairman, said on Friday that the trustees were appalled to hear the radio and read in the press of the Minister's decision to cut the

port for the orchestra. One might have expected a more courteous attitude from the Ministry and at least prior contact in such a matter before publishing such news.

"On the basis of the Ministry's recent undertaking to support the HSO, it renewed its concerts. The board cannot resign itself to such a unilateral decision," Schreuer added.

The orchestra employs over 40 musicians, including recent immigrants. After the lengthy suspension of the orchestra's work, it was reformed, and a financial basis was determined by budgets from the Ministry and the Municipality. It resumed concerts last month, and all performances were sold out. Arrangements are being made for subscription concerts in Tiberias, Safed and other towns, and for performances in kibbutzim.

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — Former income tax commissioner Yitzhak Mann told the Maritime and Economic Club here on Friday that "The moment of truth has arrived in the sphere of tax collection." He said that "If income tax returns this year are as truthful as they were in 1974, we are facing a catastrophe."

Mann said he was appalled to hear the secretary of a national organization urge its members not to keep accounts because they would thus hinder the introduction of the Value Added Tax to which they were opposed. "What would public opinion say if the secretary of a national organization called on its members not to respond to reserve call-up orders," he said. "If the law is not enforced in one area, this will lead to contempt for other laws."

Mann warned that failure to collect full income tax would directly

in the past, he noted, excessive income tax rates of up to 87.5 percent had led to a high rate of tax evasion. But since 1973, the rates had been cut and the maximum was now 60 per cent.

All the same income tax evasion was rampant on a vast scale. While average income was last year IL26,000, the average tax payment was not higher than IL6,700, according to the present tax commissioner, he said.

Until October 1975, 20,000 persons were legally required to keep accounts, but only 12,000 did. Another 60,000 were to join them. "I am afraid that more than half of these haven't even begun yet," Mann said.

Best speed is 50kph

BEERSHEVA. — A mould for making counterfeit gold coins and allegedly stolen gold valued at £125,000 were discovered last week by police investigating a money-lender's extortion against a money-lender here.

Police were investigating an attempt to extort £110,000 from Yonah Kaner with threats against his life and his property. They questioned a Beersheva merchant, Yisrael Gedalyahu, in connection with the threats. They found some coins in his possession, which they traced to a local jeweller, Eliahu Abud, who had 147 gold coins and two silver ingots and gold ingots in his bank vault. Police believed the ingots were either smuggled into the country or melted down from stolen je-

weirly, and that the threats against Kaner were connected to the counterfeit coin ring.

The mould and gold were discovered at the home of Michael Meeros, who was remanded before magistrate Yehoshua Filpel last Wednesday and released with IL\$30,000 bail provided he leave his passport with police.

Mushu Abushadid was released Wednesday on IL\$30,000 bail after providing that he leave his passport with police. Asher Faraj, who had been arrested on suspicion of plotting with Gedalyahu against Kaner, was remanded into further custody. Police claimed the shooting was planned after an attempt to set Kaner's flat on fire failed. (Izim)

laghan won and one of his first steps was to dismiss Lyon, who publicly claimed he was sacked because of his softer attitude toward non-whites. (AP)

THE JERUSALEM THEATRE, London impresario Victor Hochhauser and the Broadcasting Authority are cooperating to present two outdoor concert at Kikar Batai Mahaseh in the Old City's Jewish Quarter. The first concert, on June 10, will be by Emmamuel AX, winner of the first prize in the 1974 Arthur Rubinstein First International Piano Master Competition. The second concert will be on July 1.

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A IL15M. Supermarket, Givat Sayvion, opened last week for shop-

By YA'AOOV FRIEDLE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — "The optimal fuel-speed for interurban travel was 50 kilometres per hour, but unreasonable to expect our drivers to go that slowly on highways for 120 kph speeds," Dr. S. Hakeri, head of Technion's Safety Centre told *The Jewish Post* on Friday.

He was commenting on a proposal by Shimon Gilboa, head of the Administration, to reduce speed limits as one way of saving money. The proposal was made at a symposium on energy saving in Tel Aviv on Thursday.

"A reasonable proposal would be to drive at a steady 80 kph. The stress is on steady," Dr. Hakeri said. "Average speeds" are not important, even if lower than 80 kph, but fuel is saved by keeping a steady speed.

But, he warned, it is useless

speed limit. What could be done, is to stop planning any high speed inter-urban roads. "The faster the highways make it possible to drive, the faster people will drive," he noted.

As for city traffic, the target should be to raise the present low speeds, he said. Traffic jams, congestion and poor roads force urban drivers to drive in low gears, wasting fuel. If they could drive at a higher, steady, speed, much fuel could be saved. However, he realized that this ideal was unlikely to be fulfilled in Israel.

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Art and Psychopathology
The exhibition will close on June 5.

FILM EVENING

In connection with the exhibition, Art and Psychopathology, a film evening will be held on Monday, May 31, featuring works by mental patients. Entrance: Friends of the Tel Aviv Museum — IL7; others ILL6.

CONCERTS

Sunday, May 30, 8.30 p.m.
Guest artists from Switzerland
Peter Lukas Graf, Suite; Olivia Eassey Nicolson, piano
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Tuesday, June 1, 8.30 p.m.
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Participating: Anat Breiter, soprano; Dan Kanzer, readings; Yosef Yerushalmi, guitar; Ruth Mosse, piano.

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KAUNDA: NO FUTURE FOR WHITES Zambia open as base for Rhodesia attacks

MFUWE, Zambia. — President Kenneth Kaunda said on Friday his government plans to allow black nationalist guerrillas to use Zambian territory for attacks against white-ruled Rhodesia.

The President, who until recently gave strong backing to efforts for a negotiated Rhodesian solution and was considered a moderate in African racial affairs, also said he saw virtually no future in the long run for Rhodesia's 274,000 white minority which rules over the 5.7 million black majority.

In an interview with American correspondents on the grounds of the presidential lodge in the Lunguwa National Park and Game Reserve, Kaunda said: "Despite the fact that we have talked and talked and talked nothing came out of this. Now we are left with no

option but to fight. The fight is on and there is no way out as far as this regime (the government of Prime Minister Ian Smith) is concerned."

Rhodesia is already facing mounting attacks from guerrillas operating from bases along its 1,300-km. border with Mozambique. Yesterday, the government announced that another 14 guerrillas have been killed, bringing to 38 the total for last week.

May has been the bloodiest month of fighting since the war began in December 1972, with 98 guerrillas killed.

Kaunda said other guerrillas are already in training in Zambia in preparation for the opening of the second front. He declined to say how many are involved or when they will be allowed to make the first strikes into Rhodesia. But he said the decision would be taken in consultation with three other front-line black states, Mozambique, Tanzania and Botswana, which also back Rhodesian nationalist efforts to topple the Smith government.

In Salisbury, where call-ups for the war have sharply depleted the working force, Labour Minister Rowan Crojze yesterday announced a plan to use retired persons to fill vacancies in business and industry.

Because of the call-ups and extended military training periods, a number of small business and branch offices of large companies have been forced to shut down. Crojze said a special cabinet committee was expected to report its findings soon on "making the most productive use of the country's manpower — both men and women."



KENNETH KAUNDA

GLANCE AT THE WORLD

CUNY broke, closes doors

NEW YORK. — The City University of New York, one of the largest in the world, closed at midnight last night after defaulting on its \$15m. monthly payroll.

The 19,000 faculty members and other staff received no pay cheques on Friday after the collapse of efforts in the New York state legislature to approve a \$24m. emergency grant.

They were the first city employees to miss a pay day since the parlous state of New York's finances was disclosed last year.

The chancellor, Dr. Robert Kibbee, announced "with deep distress and sorrow" that the university's 19 colleges attended by a quarter of a million students must close. He told a press conference that "all university personnel are on an indefinite shutdown without pay."

Hardest hit among the students at the 129-year-old university — unique in the U.S. because it provides higher education free of charge — were thousands in the middle of final examinations or preparing for graduation exercises. Graduation ceremonies were postponed until June 30.

Indian bill curtails courts

NEW DELHI. — Leaders of the ruling Congress Party yesterday proposed major changes in the Indian constitution to establish Parliament's unchallenged supremacy and curtail certain powers of the Supreme and High Courts.

The recommendations were contained in a nine-page draft resolution being debated by a meeting here of the All-India Congress Committee, the party's highest decision-making body.

The main change will be to provide specifically in the constitution that any amendment to it would be beyond challenge in any court of law. The resolution said this had become necessary because a cloud had been cast over the supremacy of Parliament by recent Supreme Court rulings.

Last November the Supreme Court threw out a constitutional amendment passed by Parliament which placed the validity of the election of the Prime Minister and Speaker of the house beyond judicial review.

PLO tirade due at Habitat

VANCOUVER. — The largest UN conference ever held officially begins to grapple tomorrow with the worst population explosion in history — but organizers fear it could be crippled by political hassling involving national liberation movements.

Nine "liberation" groups have been invited as observers, and already the Palestine Liberation Organization has served notice it plans to zero in on "Israeli aggression" during the 12-day conference.

"This is one of the best forums we could have," a PLO spokesman said. "While countries from around the world are discussing human settlement problems, the Palestinian People remain deprived of a decent place to live — even in their homeland — because of Zionist aggression. It is the crime of the century."

The Habitat Conference on Human Settlements will be attended by some 5,000 delegates from about 140 countries. (Israel's chief representative is Interior Minister Yosef Burg.) But twice as many are taking part in a parallel conference of non-government organizations, which began Thursday in a former seaplane hangar here.

Sterling hits new low of \$1.75

LONDON. — Britain's pound sterling fell to a record low again on Friday. Government spokesmen insist the currency is now undervalued, but market sources say the pound is likely to drop still further.

By the close of the market on Friday the pound had sunk to an all-time low of \$1.75, a loss of more than 25 per cent in the past year. In April 1975 the pound was worth \$2.40. International banking sources now say they see the pound sinking to \$1.65 in the near future.

Britain's rate of inflation, the highest in the industrialized world, has come down from 26 per cent to 18.9 per cent in the last year. The country's foreign trade deficit, which had been running at \$500m. a month late last year, is down to \$300m. a month for the first quarter of this year.

Figures like this are cited by Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey and others arguing that Britain's economy is turning around. Government spokesmen blame the pound's continued drop on the inability of foreign investors to read correctly Britain's recovery signals.

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Moynihan says votes are up for sale at the UN

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
and agencies

NEW YORK. — Former Ambassador to the United Nations Daniel Moynihan said Friday swing votes are up for sale at the United Nations.

Moynihan said a single vote can cost \$600 and that a whole block of votes is in the \$2,000 price range.

He said in a taped television interview he never had seen money change hands during his tenure at the United Nations. "But," he said, "a vote last fall changed hands at the UN for \$600."

"I'm not very shocked by it," he said. "I don't know that charging cash or charging wheat loans is such a different thing."

Moynihan said he thought the payments were private deals. "I wish I thought the money went into the exchequer of the nations involved, but I sometimes doubt that it does," he said.

CBS, in its own follow-up investigation, was able to establish that on at least two occasions last autumn North Korea offered money to UN delegates from other nations — \$1,000 to an

Argentine diplomat and an envelope full of cash to an Arab ambassador. Both offers were proffered before a critical UN vote to change the Korean armistice agreement, CBS reported. But in both of these cases, CBS established that the bribes were refused.

Moynihan, who left the UN to return to Harvard University and probably enter the Democratic senatorial race in New York State later this year, will make his first trip to Israel late next month to receive an honorary doctorate from the Hebrew University.

Moynihan is taking his wife Liz and their 16-year-old son John — the youngest of their three children — along on the trip. Moynihan expects to spend about a week in Israel, but his wife and son may stay longer.

"The New York Times" reported yesterday that Moynihan and Chaim Herzog, Israel's chief representative at the UN, will receive the S.Y. Agnon Gold Medal from the American Friends of the Hebrew University at a June 2 dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York.

Oil prices won't rise this year

BALI, Indonesia. — Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Zakī Yamani said yesterday world oil prices would remain at present levels until the end of the year.

He was speaking before leaving here after members of the Organization of Oil Exporting Countries (Opec) on Friday failed to agree on new oil prices and were forced to continue their nine-month oil price freeze. Claiming a victory for his country's views — Saudi Arabia is the world's biggest oil exporter — he told newsmen: "Nobody can increase prices without Saudi Arabia."

He said he was very happy at the result of the Opec conference in Indonesia. As far as he was concerned, world prices, frozen since a 10 per cent increase last October, would now remain at this level until the end of the year.

He also indicated that there would actually be small decreases in the price of some Middle East crude oil. Four Gulf states will adopt a new system, which will mean some small decreases in the prices of some lower quality oils.

Asked how much these prices will fall, he said: "Maybe 20, maybe 10, maybe five cents a barrel."

Sheikh Yamani denied that the failure to reach agreement on prices threatened the unity of Opec. But he acknowledged that some Opec members may be bitter at the lack of accord, adding: "I can see why." The basic price of crude oil is \$11.51 a barrel. (Reuters)

'Cubans to leave Angola in year'

WASHINGTON. — Cuban Premier Fidel Castro has implied that he will complete the withdrawal of Cuban forces from Angola in about a year, a senior American official said on Thursday.

The official told reporters on U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's plane from London to Washington the implication was drawn from a letter sent by Castro to Swedish Prime Minister Olaf Palme. (AP)

South Africa picks French to build nuclear station

JOHANNESBURG. — South Africa's first nuclear power station is to be built by a French consortium, it was announced yesterday.

The \$500m. contract for the construction of the station, at Koeberg, near Cape Town, has been awarded to the French consortium consisting of Framatome, Alstom and Spie Batignolles, South Africa's Electricity Supply Commission said in a statement.

The station, which will supply power to the Cape region, will consist of two pressurized water reactors, each with an electrical output of 922 megawatts.

A U.S.-Swiss-Netherlands consortium had been the front-runner in the bid for the contract, but met

with political opposition.

Some members of the U.S. Congress argued against authorizing the agreement saying it would undermine America's declared policy of support for black majorities in Southern Africa. Sen. Dick Clark of Iowa, chairman of the U.S. Senate African Affairs Subcommittee, said that African leaders "are going to be very upset" if the U.S. approves the scheme.

In Washington on Friday, three environmental and scientific groups filed a petition with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in an effort to block the proposed export of American-manufactured nuclear reactors and uranium fuel to South Africa. (AP, Reuters)

Tories, furious over one-vote loss, vow to halt Labour legislation

LONDON. — Stung to fury at losing by one vote on a crucial motion on nationalization, opposition Conservatives Friday vowed to fight tooth and nail to bring government legislation to a halt.

"We will not cooperate with the Government in any way on anything," declared chief Conservative whip Humphrey Atkins. "All channels of communication between us are now shut."

The implication was that the Conservatives will no longer allow "pairing" with Labour Members. "Pairing" is a gentleman's agreement between parties that if one member has to be absent because of illness or official duties, the other party will "pair" one of its members with him. The system is usually confined to voting on uncontroversial issues.

A furious erupted Thursday night when the Government just squeaked through by 304-303, to go ahead with plans to nationalize the country's shipyards. Minutes before, another motion, to suspend house rules so the bill could go forward, was won only by the casting vote of Speaker George Thomas.

Fistfights broke out between Labour and Conservative members and government supporters triumphantly sang the "Red Flag."

If the Conservative threat to stop the system of pairing is carried out, the government could find its future legislative programme in jeopardy.

Labour's government is three votes short of a majority in the 635-member house, although it has a comfortable 36-vote edge over the Conservatives. Minor parties and a handful of independents make up the rest.

Suspension of the pairing system would mean the Government would have to muster 100 per cent attendance for crucial votes, in case the independents team with the Conservatives to defeat them.

The nationalization bill still has to go to the Lords, who are expected to send it back to the Commons with amendments for further debate.

Meanwhile, more than 70 Conservative members Friday tabled a motion demanding the Government's resignation because of its "flagrant disregard of the rules of procedure which are designed to protect the rights and privileges of the citizens of this country."

The nationalization issue for the Labour Party is only a small part of a policy outlined by its left-wing

dominated national executive committee.

On Thursday it sharply criticized the U.S. for its "military and other intervention" in Latin America, in a 70,000-word socialist policy programme for Britain, stretching over the next 10 years.

The document urges Britain to pursue a policy independent of the U.S. in Latin America. It praises countries such as Peru and Panama for their attempts to "break the stronghold of U.S. influence," and urges an "independent stand" in the conflict between the U.S. and Panama over the sovereignty of the Panama Canal Zone.

The document, is not binding on the government of Prime Minister James Callaghan.

Other sections of the document lay down plans for greater state intervention in industry, worker control in boardrooms and increased public spending. Observers saw it as an attempt to pressure ministers into adopting more socialist policies, though many of the document's proposals conflict sharply with government views.

They said the party's annual conference in October is likely to adopt it and then pressure on ministers to accept its proposals would be much greater. (AP)



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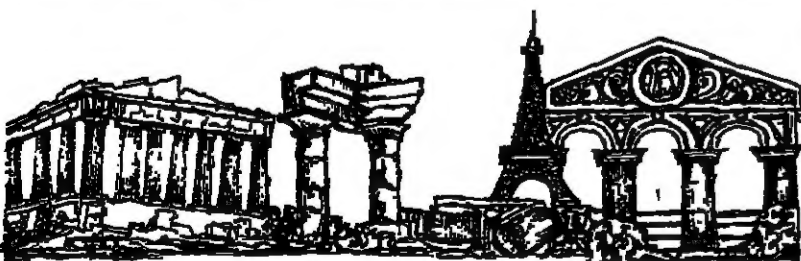
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Dizengoff Centre offers property management plan

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

AVIV. — The directors of the Dizengoff Centre here last week announced a management plan for the property which has already been purchased by the centre and for prospective buyers.

The plan is to operate the property as a business in itself, to lease the property to another company. Under the new scheme the Dizengoff Centre company will manage the property for the owner.

Under the plan the company will own 94 per cent of the purchase price, linked to the cost of the index. The offer will be backed by a bank guarantee. It will be for three years, effective from 1977, the target date for the official opening of the Centre.

With 100 out of 250 shops sold, management has found that many of the purchasers, who are mostly from the Diaspora, are not prepared to pay the full price until they are properly settled in the area. In the meantime they will benefit of a high, guaranteed income.

One is prepared to assume that estate prices will rise at least the same rate as the cost-of-living index, then the new offer is of the safest investments in Israel today, bringing the highest return.

Dizengoff Centre has an area of about 100,000 square metres. Architecturally it was intended as a synthesis of the Galeries Lafayette department store in Paris and New York's Guggenheim Museum. It combines the concept of an open mall with that of replacing all stairs with ramps. The structure is fully air-conditioned.

The Centre extends from the Rehov King George and Dizengoff towards the Circle. Since it straddles Rehov Dizengoff, the planners will connect both sides of the complex with a three-tier bridge.

Construction started before the Yom Kippur War but the subsequent building freeze set back plans by about 11 months.

The price of \$2,500 per square metre, or just under IL18,000 per square metre for those buying in Israeli currency, is generally considered high. Nevertheless major institutions are betting on the Centre becoming an important commercial area that will successfully compete with the more established shopping area further up on Rehov Dizengoff. Hemsahar Laitzarchan has bought space for what is planned to be the largest department store in Israel. Bank Leumi, Bank Hapoalim, Discount and Mizrahi Bank are all planning to open major branches at the Centre. Parking space for 1,000 cars will be available.

Tenants plan demonstrations

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Officials of the Tenants Protection Association announced recently they are to launch a series of demonstrations against a planned 10 per cent rise in controlled rents changes in the Tenants Protection Law which have already passed in first reading in the Knesset. The officials told the press that planned rent increases were too steep and out of step with cost-of-living increases in salaries. They said that today's maximum rent of 75 a month for a three-room flat would go up to about IL450 — a 10 per cent increase — on the free market. This would destroy the equity represented by their investment in money, they said. They stressed in many cases the key-money finally paid represented about

two-thirds of the purchase price of the flat.

The association also opposed changes in the Tenants Protection Law which would make it easier for landlords to regain possession of flats in case of a tenant's death. Such drastic changes would cause hardship to widows and orphans, the tenants claimed. They wanted the law to be frozen for one year and a public committee to re-examine the entire problem of rent control.

They also wanted the law to force landlords to carry a bigger share in the maintenance and repair of flats.

The tenants claim that the number of protected tenants who never paid key-money was small — only between 10 and 15 per cent of the total. They said their organization represented about half a million residents of key-money flats.

RESERVOIR GETS A ROOF

The purity of the water Jerusalem's drinking water will improve as soon as the roof over the Bayit Vegan reservoir — the biggest open reservoir in the country — will be completed this summer.

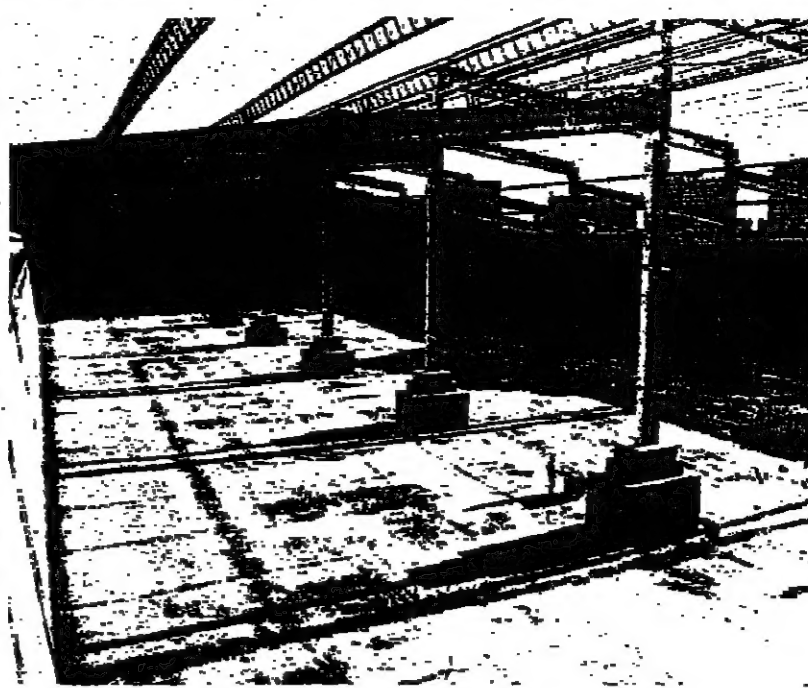
The roof will prevent dirt and refuse being blown into the water — last year four ducks made their home in the reservoir — and also increase protection against sabotage attempts. As its main advantage, however, it will prevent the formation of algae in the water.

Under the open sun the growth of algae is stimulated through photosynthesis. When the algae (microscopic plants) later disintegrate, they release minute quantities of an organic compound which combines with the chlorine in the water to produce an unpleasant smell and taste. Shaded by the new roof, the algae plants will be eliminated. Only last spring it was the cause of wide-spread complaints by citizens.

When the reservoir was built in 1965 it was abandoned in one of the highest spots in Jerusalem (582 metres above sea level), the idea of a roof was already broached. Nothing was done, however, because the Bayit Vegan suburb was hardly built up and there were no funds in any case. Avi Samuel, the director of the municipality's water department, told the Jerusalem Post last week that shortly after taking over his job 11 years ago, he also proposed covering the reservoir. The final decision, however, was not taken until shortly before the Yom Kippur War. In spite of the present budget squeeze the job, which costs between IL6m. and IL7m. is being completed now, he said.

The roof is one of the biggest in the country. It is larger, for instance, than that of the hangar housing the Jewish Air Force at Ramat Gan. The reservoir is 125 metres long and 80 metres wide. With the supporting structure of the roof in place, the authorities are now awaiting the arrival of 10,000 square metres of corrugated iron sheeting, manufactured in Sweden to complete the job. (Israel only manufactures flat sheeting).

The three-level roof at its highest point rises 12 metres above the edge of the reservoir. This height



The completed understructure for a roof to cover the water reservoir in the capital's Bayit Vegan quarter. Notice the workmen cleaning the floor of the drained reservoir.

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

is required to allow for the slant that will make it possible for snow and rain water to run off. It will also provide for windows running the entire length of the roof. Through natural ventilation all the air under the roof will be circulated about once an hour, Mr. Samuel said.

The pillars supporting the reinforced concrete beams of the roof presented engineer Rudolph Shorr and the Adamov construction firm with a special problem. Normally they would have been anchored in the floor of the basin. This could not be done, however, because penetrating the floor would have resulted in water seepage. The beams therefore are set in three-metre wide staggered concrete bases which rest on the basin floor without penetrating it.

The cross-beams of the roof are made of light-weight steel imported from Germany. The steel is galva-

nized to protect it from the humidity over the reservoir.

"If you've ever seen the dirt accumulated at the bottom of the covered water tank on the roof of your building, you can imagine how much dirt there is likely to be in an open reservoir," water department operations director Zeev Balteansky said. In an operation lasting several days the 12-metre deep Bayit Vegan reservoir is cleaned once every year. For this purpose a small tractor with an attached shovel is lowered to the floor of the drained basin. It scoops up tons of dirt. The final cleanup is done by workers with brooms.

"With the roof in place this won't be necessary any more," Balteansky, who came here from Chile five years ago, said.

The biggest of the 11 water reservoirs in the capital, Bayit Vegan supplies about half the city. While residents of the many buildings surrounding the reservoir may deplore losing the view of their "artificial lake," they will appreciate their cleaner water. They also expect to be rid of some of the mosquitoes that used to plague them every summer.

Selling flats to Americans

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NEW YORK. — The big news at the Jerusalem construction company offices in New York is that sales have started to pick up again. Enquiries are coming in at the rate of about 120 a month.

Perhaps the most important reason for the renewed interest is Israel's recently adopted policy of selling on the basis of Israel pounds. Thus the buyer of an apartment in Israel is protected from the effects of the "creeping devaluations" of approximately 2 per cent each month. Since November 1974 the Israeli pound has been devalued by more than 80 per cent and the American buyer benefits by the favourable dollar to pound exchange rate.

Another major selling point is the possibility of obtaining a mortgage of up to \$20,000. The mortgage is for eight years and may be for up to 50 per cent of the purchase price. Also, the cost of the mortgage is very reasonable, since Israel has been able to obtain funds at a rate only 2 per cent higher than the prime bank rate. This means that the effective rate is about eight per cent. Apart-

ments can also be purchased on an instalment plan.

Current trends indicate that the buyer of a home in Israel is more likely to be a younger person. Previously buying a home in Israel was associated with retirement. Now young families planning a life in Israel are among the company's best prospects. "Israelis planning to return home are also beginning to show an interest in buying a home in Israel," said Nadiv Hammer, Israeli manager of the North American sales department of Israel.

The American Jew who is planning a life in Israel and who buys an apartment well in advance of his date, will have an additional advantage in that he will be able to convert all or part of the American mortgage into a Jewish Agency recommended mortgage. This way he is converting a dollar liability to one in Israel pounds. Israel is not recommending Tel Aviv for young home buyers as

the ideal place of residence. The company promotes such communities as Netanya and Holon, because of the better housing values there. Four to five rooms, comprising 144 sq.m., can be bought for about IL250,000. "Comparable values are just not available in Tel Aviv or in Jerusalem," Hammer said.

After four years of cooperation in the American market, the staff of Israel's New York office is well versed in the American way of doing business. As new projects become available the mailing list with over 10,000 names is activated and information easily reaches prospective buyers.

Applying American marketing techniques is paying off. In 1975, a relatively poor year for sales of homes in Israel, the company chalked up sales of about \$2.5m. Judging from recent sales and inquiries, 1976 will be better. For those with more sophisticated tastes and larger budgets, Israel offers apartments in its projects in Ramat Poleg, Atika, Holon and Bnei Brak.

In the Supreme Court Sitting as High Court of Justice
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LAW REPORT

Edited by Doris Lankin

UNIVERSITY STUDENT NOT ENTITLED TO SURVIVOR'S PENSION

Who is a survivor?

The High Court of Justice dismissed a petition for an order nisi calling upon the National Insurance Institution to show cause why it should not grant the petitioner a survivor's benefit.

The petitioner lost both his mother and father by the time he was 18 years old. After matriculating he went straight to the University. During his first year at the University the definition of "child" for purposes of survivors benefits under the National Insurance Law was amended so as to make the child of a deceased insured person entitled to a survivor's benefit and a cost-of-living allowance up to the age of 20 on condition that the major part of his time be devoted to completing his studies in a "post-elementary educational institution."

Otherwise the child of a deceased insured person is entitled to a survivor's benefit only until his 18th year.

The petitioner claimed that he was entitled to the survivor's benefit and allowance until he had reached the age of twenty as he was engaged full-time in completing his post-elementary education. The National Insurance Institution rejected this claim and their decision was upheld by the National Labour Tribunal.

The petitioner thereupon petitioned the High Court of Justice, appearing on his own behalf.

DECISION

Justice Bar-On, who delivered the decision of the High Court, first considered the interpretation of the concept "completion of studies" in the amended definition of "child" in the National Insurance Law. He agreed with the National Labour Tribunal, despite the eloquent and well-argued pleading of the petitioner, who is to a high-school pupil who had not succeeded in completing his matriculation by the age of eighteen and had to continue his studies at a high school for a further period. In other words, he continued, the reference in the definition is to completion of studies, by the age of twenty, which had been commenced in a post-elementary school before the age of eighteen. Furthermore, he added, he agreed also with the National Labour Tribunal that in accordance with the ordinary literal meaning of the phrase "completion of studies" it could not be said that a student in his first, or second, year of University studies was devoting himself mainly to "completing his studies" at the University. For although it is true that all studies, even at their initial stage, are intended as a prelude to final qualification, nevertheless this was patently not what the legislature had in mind when using the phrase "completion of studies."

In short, held Justice Bar-On, only such pupils who had not completed their high-school education by the age of 18 and had to continue their schooling for a further period were entitled to a survivor's pension and cost of living allowance under the National Insurance Law — until they reached the age of 20.

This conclusion was further strengthened by the fact, he continued, that a "post-elementary educational institution" within the meaning of the definition in the National Insurance Law, is clearly an institution for immediate post-elementary education — such as a high school or vocational school — and not an institution for higher learning, such as a University.

The petition should, therefore, be dismissed, concluded Justice Bar-On, despite the eloquent and well-argued pleading of the petitioner, who is to a high-school pupil who had not succeeded in completing his matriculation by the age of eighteen and had to continue his studies at a high school for a further period.

Decision given on April 26, 1976.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

TEL AVIV. — The Rubinstein construction company recently began sales in the third apartment tower of the complex known as the Hadar Weizmann project, near the Soldiers' House in North Tel Aviv. Four-room apartments of 130 sq.m. are offered at IL555,000. Five-room apartments of 145 sq.m. are priced at IL715,000. The project calls for 138 apartments of which about a third have already been sold. The estimated cost of the third tower is IL40m. while the whole project is valued at IL130m.

TEL AVIV. — Rasco recently announced that it has been awarded four tenders worth a total of IL63m. The projects include a retirement home with 80 apartments in Haifa, sponsored by the Dutch Immigrant Association. In Beersheba a comprehensive school will be built with funds provided by Max Kof of Milwaukee. In Ramat Aviv Rasco will build 152 apartments for Shikun U'shuah, as part of its "Saving for a Home" scheme. The project comprises two 15-storey buildings as well as one of 8 storeys.

ALL STREET WEEK

Bad month for stock prices

NEW YORK. — Upward pressure on interest rates depressed stock prices again last week as the market completed its worst monthly decline since last September.

The Dow Jones average of 30 stocks dropped 15.52 to 975.23 last week, with a rally on Tuesday failing to offset a 19-point drop on four days before.

Standard and Poor's 500-stock index slumped 1.08 to 100.18, and New York Stock Exchange's composite index of all its listed common stocks fell .65 to 53.31.

Board volume slowed to a daily average of 16.85 million shares from 7 million the previous week. Traders noted that various holidays and the approach of Memorial Day had contributed to the slowing of activity.

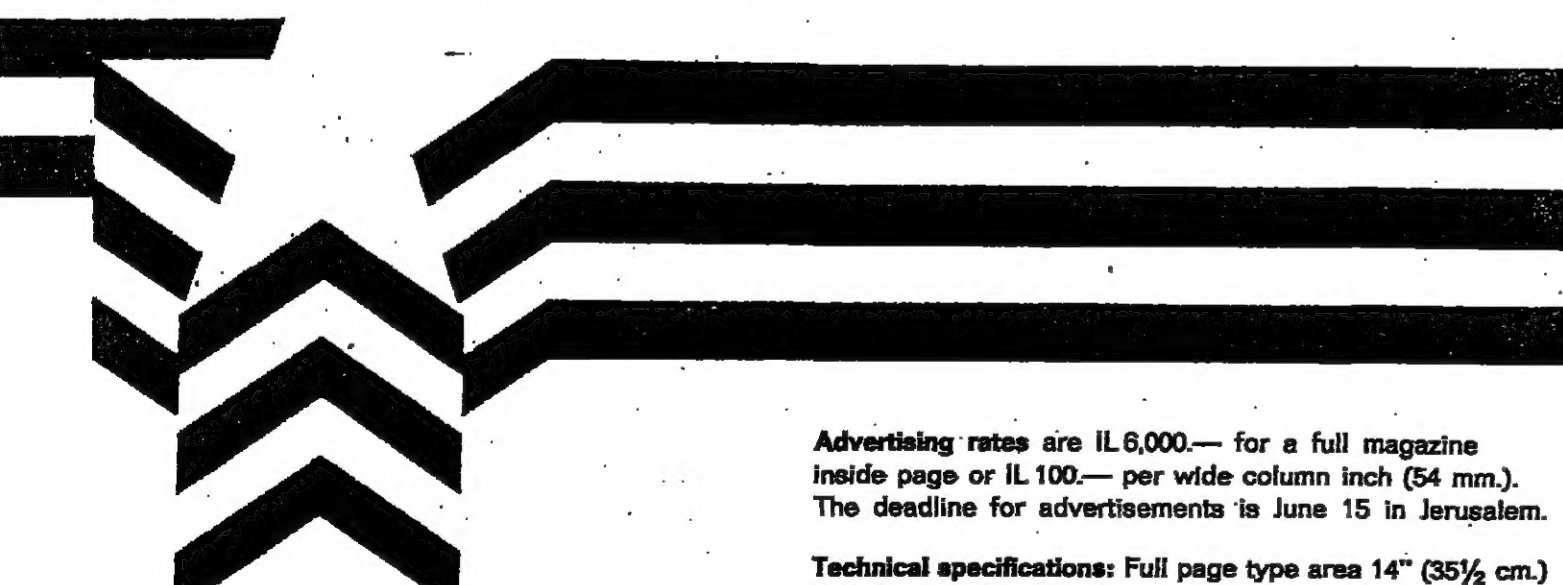
The market began last week with warnings that an increase near in the bank prime lending rate. Chairman Donald C. Platten of New York's Chemical Bank told

a press conference he expected the basic charge on business loans to rise from the 6 1/2 per cent level to about 8 per cent by the end of the year.

The reaction among investors produced a 19.22-point drop in the Dow on Monday's activity, for the average's sharpest daily decline in more than a year. The market marked time until Friday, when the expected prime rate moves took place. Many of the nation's major banks raised the rate a quarter-point to 7 per cent.

By Friday, however, the increases came as no surprise. And the day's news did contain a mildly unexpected development that was enough to spark a 9.86-point rally in the Dow. The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, in effect, decided not to make a decision on whether to raise oil prices, thus leaving them unchanged. Many Wall Streeters had been forecasting a 5 to 10 per cent increase. (AP)

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UNDOF AND WASHINGTON

THE PERIOD OF the second semi-annual renewal of the Undof mandate between the Syrian-Israeli front lines on the Golan Heights has come and apparently gone without incident. Despite the unnecessary over-dramatization accorded to the event, reports from a number of sources would seem to confirm that the Syrians have agreed to renew the mandate of the UN forces for another six months without any strings attached.

Apprehension over the Syrians' stand this time around derived from last November's experience in which Damascus tied its agreement to continuation of Undof's presence on the Golan Heights to the Security Council's scheduling a debate on "the Palestinian question" with the official participation of the PLO.

Israel's chagrin over that successful Syrian ploy derived not so much from the Security Council's surrender to the Syrian ultimatum — Israel has long given up on the Council as a lost cause — as from the failure of the U.S. to veto that decision. In the event, and with the advantage of hindsight, it can be said today that the Council's subsequent debate on the Palestinian issue, which Israel boycotted, made little difference to the impact of the Palestinian cause on world opinion. It has been vastly overshadowed by the growing involvement of the PLO in the Lebanese civil war and by recent events on the West Bank.

This Lebanese involvement would seem to hold the major explanation for Syria's rather quiet acquiescence in the further extension of the Undof mandate until next November. The Syrians have themselves become deeply embroiled in the Lebanese civil war since last winter and it became quite clear that they would be unwilling to risk the possibility of a second front on the Golan.

Concurrently the strained relations which have developed between the Assad regime and Arafat's PLO over the extent of the latter's involvement in Lebanon apparently kept the Syrian leadership from repeating a gambit from which only the PLO could benefit.

But more important than these developments has been the influence of the American primary elections on the greater sensitivity of President Ford's administration to the Israel argument that it would adamantly oppose any attempt to repeat last November's ploy. While there was a certain element in the Israel stance of setting up a straw man in order to demolish him, the Prime Minister's and the Foreign Minister's early initiative in making Israel's position clear was welcome.

The Undof mandate will come up for renewal again next November. While the Lebanese and the PLO factors may well have changed again by then it would seem that the new American administration to be chosen next November — possibly Democratic, and almost certainly Kissinger-less — will still be loath to pressure Israel to give in to unreasonable Syrian demands, especially in view of the probability that Prime Minister Rabin will be fighting for his political life at the Labour Party convention scheduled for December.

The crunch will most likely come in the winter and spring of 1977 when the American administration will be deep in a new reassessment of its policy towards the Arab-Israeli dispute. In that broader context, the fate of Undof will certainly be of marginal importance, but the lesson of Israel's heightened self-confidence and its determination to stand up for its fundamental interests evinced in the present case should not be lost on the American policy-makers at that time.

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DAVAT (Histadrut) says that Syria's entanglement in Lebanon, its internal difficulties, the alertness of the I.D.F. and a firm stand both by Israel and the U.S. prevented a repeat of what happened last November, when at the last moment Syria extorted a debate in the U.N. Security Council over the Palestinian issue. "It now appears that Israel will be able to enjoy quiet, at least until after the American elections. Then, however, renewed American pressure on Israel can be expected. Israel for its part does not want a stalemate, and even if this is not the right time for genuine peace, ways towards interim agreements must be explored."

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam) feels that the Syrian agreement to extend the mandate was to be expected, even though the Syrians tried to delay it to the very last minute. "In the wake of the events in Lebanon and Syria's involvement there, ties between Syria and the U.S. have grown stronger. This time it appears that Damascus extended the mandate through coordination of positions with Washington."

Therefore the next stage must be some sort of an agreement with Syria, and Israel should prepare itself for that."

HA'ARETZ (Independent) commenting on the UN Security Council debate on the administrated territories notes that "once again, the U.S. has prevented the passage of a harsh anti-Israel resolution. At the same time Israel should be pleased that there was no need for an American veto. Every veto turns into an Israeli debt, and in the end it must be paid. In fact, the U.S. Ambassador once again criticized the Israeli settlements in the territories. Therefore while it can be said that the Arab move was thwarted, Israel must take note of the reservations on its policy by its friends."

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NAVON TELLS STORIES OF JERUSALEM Spirits and ghosts in the Old City

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SHADOWS LIE deep in Yitzhak Navon's memories of Jerusalem — the shadows of an ancient city where descending night is not held at bay by artificial light.

Electrified Jerusalem and non-electrified Jerusalem is the way Navon distinguishes the two faces of the city he has known. It is a distinction no less profound than that between divided Jerusalem and united Jerusalem, which most residents conjure up on Jerusalem Day.

"There is no concept today how many legends and folkways were created within the walls of the Old City around darkness and light," said Navon last week in the office he occupies in the Knesset as chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee. "The childhood stories of my generation revolve around these subjects — stories that could be born only in darkness, stories of spirits and ghosts. You hear a stone fall in a dark alley and imagine it is a spirit. You hear footsteps, maybe a cane tapping, and you can't see anything. The Jew touches his tzitzit (fringed garment), the Christian crosses himself, the Moslem raises his arms and calls on Mohammed." In this Jerusalem of darkness, the Jewish dead are heard walking the cemetery on the Mount of Olives and Moslem dead stalk the cemetery below the Golden Gate.

In the cafes of the Old City, Jews and Arabs would exchange ghost stories. The Arabs told of the big cat, Amura, which stole children. The Jews might tell of the shammas (sexton) who, arriving at the synagogue before dawn to open it for morning prayers, found a small lamb in the doorway. The shammas attempted to lift it out of the way, but the lamb suddenly grew to frightening size and fended the shammas to the ground with a laugh.

On hot summer nights, Old City residents would begin to mount the roofs of their houses to catch the breeze from the west. "Soon the whole city was on the roofs," Navon would converse from rooftop to rooftop. Inevitably, the atmosphere inspired romance. "There were all sorts of romances — also between Jews and the Arabs. Romances and tragedies of course. The families on both sides were very conservative." These rooftop romances reminded Navon of the story of David and Bathsheba which also developed on rooftops not far from today's Jewish Quarter.

The first electricity plants — other than small generators — came to Jerusalem in 1928. There were three small plants. One just outside Jaffa Gate — where the public toilet is now, according to a veteran electricity worker — served the Old City. Navon, however, remembers it as the mid-30s before the Old City succumbed to electricity to the extent that darkness and spirits departed its alleys. Something else began to depart with the coming of electricity — an indigenous Jerusalem culture which had developed in relative isolation from the outside world. Electricity meant radio and cinema — incursions into a way of life rich with its own imagination.

"Story-telling was a profession among both Jews and Arabs," says Navon, whose own story-telling ability was displayed in the highly popular play, "The Sephardi Orchard," produced here six years ago. The Arab story-teller, the raw, would perform his art in the coffee house, sitting on a chair a bit higher than those of his listeners. To his right would be a sword; to his left, a row of headgear. As he told his tales of warriors and kings, he would swing the sword or don a crown before the fascinated gaze of his audience.

One of the best-known Jewish story-tellers in the city was the

grandfather of the actor Yossi Bannai. Late on Saturday afternoon, family and friends would begin to gather at the Bannai home. As many as 80 persons might be on hand, recalls Navon, when the candles are lit and the Hallel recited to mark the end of the Sabbath. Then grandfather Bannai would begin to weave his spell. He would end his story, inevitably, at the climactic point in the best 1001 nights fashion, to be continued the following week. "Today," says Navon, "there's too little left to the imagination."

There were warm friendships among Jews and Arabs. Navon recalls going as a child with his father to visit an Arab family. Late in the afternoon, the Arab host spread a rug in the corner and began praying to Mecca. Navon's father pulled out of his pocket a sidar and with young Yitzhak began praying *amsha*. When the prayers were concluded, the conversation resumed.

Although he knew the Old City intimately, Navon grew up in Oheh Moshe, one of the *shekhnas* of West Jerusalem which he celebrated in "The Sephardi Orchard." Here too a very special way of life developed around the neighborhood's central courtyard. "No one was ever alone, not in his sadness and not in his joy. It was like a big family — with fights and jealousy but full of content. For children it was a paradise."

Navon, who has been mooted as a presidential possibility, still goes shopping in the Mahaneh Yehuda market once every two or three weeks, sometimes taking along his three-year-old daughter. Some of the vendors are at the same stands where their fathers sold fruit to Navon's father.

For all the changes, Navon expresses pleasure at the fact that Jerusalem has become a bustling city. "I like to see Jerusalem full of life. In Tel Aviv, you hear noise. In Jerusalem, you hear voices. Less today maybe, but it's still there."

READERS' LETTERS

TRAGIC VICTIMS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — Our Foreign Office does not seem to know how to counteract all those news reports emanating from Israel on the deaths which occurred in the recent outburst of violence in the West Bank. This is an old story. The trouble is that we ourselves are part of that lack of proportion.

On two consecutive days (May 27 and 28), The Jerusalem Post carried headlines and pictures of the violent funerals of Arab victims. The Military Governor expressed his regret at the "tragic accident" which happened to Lina Nabulsi of Nabulus.

On the second page of The

Jerusalem Post, down at the bottom, a small line reports the burial of Clara Genis, fatally wounded by a terrorist bomb in Jerusalem last month. I was at that funeral and saw the peaceful, honourable funeral of a mother of a three-week old baby. I saw her husband, severely wounded himself, brought to the graveside in a wheel chair, her grief-stricken parents who had lost their second daughter in two years. A real Jewish tragedy. Yet our own press and definitely our TV are too concerned with the Arab victims to notice.

So what can we expect of the world press when ours is no better?

Jerusalem. JONATHAN LIVNY

THE CRADLE OF RELIGIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — The phrase "Palestine (Eretz Israel) as the cradle of the three monotheistic religions" is being repeated *ad nauseam* by Christians (e.g. Rev. Q. Anba Beshoy, May 28) and also by de-judized Jews. It should be critically analysed from a Jewish point of view.

1) This country is certainly not the cradle of Judaism. Abraham recognized God in Iraq; the Torah was given in the no-man's-land of Sinai; the foot of the law-giver of Israel never touched the soil of Canaan. Eretz Israel was acquired by Israel; it did not beget Israel. Jerusalem became the Holy City of Judaism at a late stage of the history of Israel and Judaism — some 800 years after Abraham, some 400 years after Moses.

2) Islam is the supreme achievement of Arabia; Islam had no roots in Palestine; it conquered Palestine. The prophet of Islam visited Jerusalem only in a vision.

3) Only Christianity originated in this country. The god of the Christians was born here, lived here and died in Jerusalem. The Christian church was first established in Jerusalem.

To sum up: The two monotheistic religions, Judaism and Islam, do not have their cradle in Palestine (Eretz Israel). This country is only the cradle of Christianity — but Christianity is not monotheistic in the sense in which monotheism is understood by Judaism.

YESHAYAHU LEIBOWITZ

Jerusalem.

"JAWS"

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — Kaledioscope's film critic, Fania Schieber wrote a very exciting and interesting review on our film "Jaws," on May 18. However, I would like to point out that the actor's name is Roy Scheider and not Schneider.

Moreover, I wish to protest against

your critic's statement that the film was "censored" in Israel. This is absolutely not true. The film is being shown in its entirety and has not been touched by the censors at all.

ISRAEL FREUNDLICH
General Manager,
Cinema International Corporation
Tel Aviv.

DOCTORS' EXPENSES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — After years of distortions in wage and taxation policy the Government at last decided to introduce some radical reforms.

Notwithstanding the Ben Shazar Committee's recommendation to tax all expenses and fringe benefits, some exceptions were made, such as exemption from income tax for meals provided by employers to their employees and the Treasury's recent proposal to grant tax-free tickets to air personnel and their families on vacation flights.

It is therefore unjustifiable in my opinion to apply Ben Shazar's recommendation against tax-deductible car and telephone expenses for the self-employed to the so-called self-employed doctor — a misnomer, since a substantial part of his income comes from the ridiculously low remuneration he gets from the sick funds he is working for. For instance, Kupat Holim Macabbi pays a pediatrician IL10 monthly for each child in his care regardless of the number of visits. He does not get social benefits or overtime pay and from this meager sum, he has to cover expenses connected with running a clinic, pay income tax, V.A.T. and full national insurance premiums.

According to present rules for the self-employed, car expenses are tax-deductible, for distances over 1000 kms. per month and telephone expenses for more than 300 calls monthly (if office and residence are together). Such a policy is justified for big firms, but not for a doctor who drives within city limits and makes no inter-urban calls when caring for his patients.

Car maintenance and telephone expenses are enormous and it is unfair to claim that the "self-employed" doctor can cover them from the meager payment he gets from sick funds. Doctors should be granted at least a partial tax-free allowance for such expenses.

DE. J. WILCZEK
Haifa.

Dry Bones



VIEWPOINT

Wanted: a peace plan

Half a piece of peace is better than no peace at all, argues MAURICE CARR. It is time for the Government to end its loud vagueness and announce its peace plan at long last.

AT A two-hour-long "not-for-attribution" meeting with the foreign press corps in Israel, a senior minister complained of the coverage accorded by the mass media to the recent disorders on the West Bank and in East Jerusalem. He valued the life of an Arab no less than that of a Jew. But why, he asked, should the tragic death of a single Arab, killed accidentally in a riot, be top front-page news while the deliberate slaughter of scores and hundreds of Arabs by other Arabs in Lebanon, day after day, was relegated to the bottom of the page?

On-the-spot reporters, he acknowledged, had no control over editorial treatment, but as evidence of their own tendentiousness were shown newsreels put out by TV correspondents for worldwide distribution. In the darkened conference room the lit screen flickered in an orgy of violence, agony, pathos. The violence was perpetrated by Israeli soldiers, the agony suffered by Arab civilians, the pathos supplied by Arab patriots waving Palestinian flags in the face of oppression.

The minister's appeal for more fair play, or less foul play, on the part of journalists was, I believe, an exercise in futility. Of all the snide remarks they made among themselves, perhaps the most striking was the sneer from the bureau chief of a British news agency: "You can see where Israel is going!" It rankled with me — there was no end of malice in his tone, his intonation — but, come to think of it, he touched on a sore, a crucial point: in fact, we do not know which way Israel is going because the Government has not seen fit to formulate specific peace aims.

The senior minister, who has the reputation of a hardliner, gave utterance to surprisingly moderate views. It was not territory he coveted, but peace. "Mr. Minister," we demanded, "how do you explain the failure of the Government to enlighten world public opinion on Israel's aspirations? Why is there no Israeli peace plan?" Far from retreating, as certain of his colleagues have done, that it would be tactically unwise to disclose Israel's hand before the Arabs sat down to negotiate, he admitted that the absence of a peace policy arose

from differences of opinion among members of an uneasy coalition cabinet. He personally favoured an Israeli-Arab confederation, somewhat after the pattern of the European Economic Community. Others still, he might have added, took the Bible to place territory above peace, but they are a small minority.

The long-languing, loud vagueness in Jerusalem on the subject of peace has already badly damaged the image of Israel. Infinitely worse harm may yet befall it and when the Big Powers take advantage of Israel's silence to make their voices heard from Middle East Munich at our expense.

THE TIME HAS COME for bickering ministers to look themselves in the mirror and not emerge until they have a majority agreement on a peace programme. Since it takes two to make peace (I mean vis-a-vis the Arabs), the Israeli programme will of course have to put forward a choice of options. Confederation is all very well, if it is acceptable to the Arabs. If not, then the alternative must be partition, though eventually it could lead to an Israeli-Arab common market.

We have been told, probably with good reason, that the Arabs are not yet ready for full-fledged peace, but may consent to "non-belligerence" or some such interim solution. Well, half a piece of peace is better than no peace at all, provided we establish here and now beyond a shadow of a doubt the ultimate destination.

In the light of our precarious territorial and demographic situation, and bearing in mind the Arab's off-reiterated threats as well as actual attempts at genocide, we must take good care not to move towards the peace of the grave. And we must reckon with the possibility that, in spite of everything, our neighbours may yet again, even again and again, force war upon us. On the other hand, passivity induced by internal dissension as to the best path towards the peace of the living is a sure recipe for disaster.

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